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this writing, but the prognosis is doubtful. I will advise you of further developments. I am informed that the agents of the board of health are taking the proper course in the way of disinfection.

HONDURAS.

Report from Ceiba, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Robertson reports as follows: Week ended June 3, 1905. Present officially estimated population, about 4,000; no deaths; prevailing diseases, malarial, mostly mild type; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
	Nicaragua Rosina Harold		0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0

Coast towns of Honduras quarantine against Belize and Puerto Cortez.

June 1, 1905.

The sanitary condition of this port and environs remains good, and the reports from the towns along the coast contain nothing of a suspicious character.

The port surgeon seems quite willing to cooperate in both furnishing information and taking such steps as he can to prevent the entrance of infection. Also the local authorities are doing what they can to prevent any importation of suspicious or infected cases into the towns along the coast or the Islands of Utilla and Ruatan. All of these points have declared quarantine against Puerto Cortez and Belize.

But there still remains a certain element of danger in the small craft (supposed to be engaged in smuggling) which from time to time touch at various points along the coast, also at the Bay Islands, mostly during the night without the knowledge of the authorities. Many of of these craft come direct from Belize.

The nearest point to Puerto Cortez, at which the ships in this trade load, is the town of Tela, and a note from the American consular agent there, dated May 30, 1905, stated that there were no infectious or contagious diseases in the place. Moreover, on the 28th ultimo, when in this city, the comandante of Tela personally assured me that he intended to do his best to prevent any infection from getting into the place.

Report from Puerto Cortez, fruit port—Yellow fever.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Carter reports as follows: Week ended May 26, 1905. Present officially estimated population, 4,000; number of deaths, 3; prevailing diseases, yellow fever and malarial fever; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, infected.